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SUBJECT: REFUGEE INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE MIA'S.

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1. WHILE EMBASSY OFFICER WAS IN PULAU BESAR VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE
CAMP, TRENGGANU, MALAYSIA, INTERVIEWING SOURCE OF MIA REPORT
(REFTELS), OFFICER INTERVIEWED SOURCE OF SECOND REPORTED
SIGHTING.

2. MR. PHAM LAC CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN THE COMPOUND MANAGER FOR
PACIFICATION SECURITY COORDINATION DIVISION IN MINH TUAH
SOUTH VIETNAM. AS SUCH HE WOULD HAVE BEEN A FORMER USG EMPLOYEE
WITH AN INTELLIGENCE BACKGROUND. POST IS AWAITING VERIFICATION
OF EMPLOYMENT. MR. LAC WAS INTERVIEWED ON DECEMBER 18, 1977,
WITH REGARD TO A REPORTED PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH AMERICANS
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IN COMMUNIST HANDS AFTER THE FALL OF SAIGON.

3. MR LAC CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN ON A RAILWAY CAR DURING A
TEST OF THE NEWLY REPAIRED RAILWAY IN AUGUST OF 1975. WHEN
THE TRAIN STOPPED IN DIEN KHANH DISTRICT, KHANH HOA PROVINCE,
TWO U.S. PERSONNEL IN BADLY TORN CIVILIAN CLOTHES WERE SEEN
LYING IN A METAL (CONEX) CONTAINER NEAR THE TRACKS NEXT TO

A RUBBER PLANTATION. ONE "AMERICAN" WAS BLONDE AND THE OTHER HAD BROWN HAIR. BOTH WERE QUOTE BEARED, QUITE PALE, EMACIATED, AND CLOSE TO DEATH UNQUOTE. NEITHER WAS CAPABLE OF TALKING. BOTH WERE REPORTEDLY IN A SEMI-COMATOSE STATE. SOURCE SAID THAT TRAIN HAD STOPPED AT THE LOCATION UNEXPECTEDLY AND THE CONEX WAS UNGUARDED. SOURCE WAS ABLE TO LOOK AT THE PRISONERS BUT, DUE TO THEIR POOR STATE OF HEALTH, HE COULD NOT PROMPT THEM TO SPEAK. AS THE TRAIN LEFT, SOURCE REBOARDED AND LEFT THE LOCATION.

4. MR. LAC WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD IN HIS REPLIES AND HIS INFORMATION WAS SUBMITTED IN THE MANNER OF A TRAINED INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE. UNFORTUNATELY, HE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO OFFER.
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